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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Carr *et al.*

Title: METHODS FOR HIGH FIDELITY PRODUCTION OF LONG NUCLEIC
ACID MOLECULES WITH ERROR CONTROL

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed on April 27, 2004, for the above-referenced application. The Notice to File Missing Parts noted that the application failed to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.821-1.825. In order to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.821-1.825 applicants enclose herewith in addition to this amendment directing entry of the Sequence Listing into the application, an initial paper copy of the Sequence Listing, a Statement to Support Filing and Submission of the Sequence Listing and an initial computer readable form (CRF) copy of the Sequence Listing.

Applicants petition for a third month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136. A check (No. 34301) in the amount of \$530.00 for the third-month Extension of Time fee is enclosed. (The Filing Fee and 2-Month Extension of Time Fee in the amount of \$2,094.00 were paid with the previous Transmittal of Missing Parts, mailed on August 27, 2004.)

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No other fee is believed due for this filing, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees due in connection with this submission to Deposit Account No. 50-2350. A duplicate copy of pages 1 and the signature page are enclosed for such purposes.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 3 of this preliminary amendment.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 4 of this preliminary amendment.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this preliminary amendment.